**University of California, Los Angeles
Graduate Student Association Forum #1, Fall Quarter Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 5:30pm**

 **Forum minutes taken by Wendy Ramos Maciel, Director of Administrative Affairs**

 **Week 3 Fall 2021 agenda**

\*Items to vote

**5:30 pm CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME ADDRESS**

 **Lewis Luo (GSA VP of Internal Affairs and Forum Chair)**

**5:35 pm UPDATES FROM GSA LEADERSHIP**

**5:50 pm WEEK 9 FORUM POSTPONEMENT TO 12/1\***

 **Lewis Luo**

**6:00 pm INDEXING GSA FEES TO INFLATION**

 **Musibau Francis Jimoh**

**6:40 pm USAC/GSA JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING RAFER LEWIS JOHNSON\***

 **Musibau Francis Jimoh**

**6:50 pm RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF GSA OFFICERS\***

**Musibau Francis Jimoh**

**7:00 pm GSA VPAA ELECTIONS- UPDATES AND Q&A**

 **Akash Deep Singh**

**7:10 pm DISCUSSION/RESOURCE SHARING ABOUT RETURN TO IN-PERSON**

 **Kathleen Kane**

**7:30 pm ADJOURNMENT\***

 **Lewis Luo**

**Letting people into the meeting - 05:30pm**

**Call to Order - 05:35pm**

Lewis Luo, GSA Vice President of Internal Affairs

**GSA Leadership Update- 05:36pm**

Musibau Francis Jimoh, GSA President

* Discussed the updates from the different directors
* GSA hosted their first in-person event and are in the process of planning more in-person events before the quarter ends
* GSA is in the process of rebranding their logo and website
* GSA is working on digitizing the archive of past GSA Leadership and creating a reunion event
* Working on identifying a platform to establish better relations between administrators and graduate students

**Week 9 Forum Postponement to 12/01**

Lewis Luo, GSA Vice President of Internal Affairs

Taking into consideration the individuals who will be travelling for the thanksgiving holiday this Forum Postponement will change the Forum date from 11/24 to 12/1.

* Motion to vote to approve these appointment pass: Kathleen Kane and Ariel Chan - Motion passed
* Call for a Vote. 15 Y, 1 N

**Vote: APPROVED**

**Indexing GSA Fees to Inflation discussion - 05:47pm**

Musibau Francis Jimoh, GSA President

* Brief introduction to GSA and Forum Meetings
* Discussed what GSA does and focused on advocacy, social events, and interventions
* Discussed Budgetary source of GSA - Grad Fees are the main source of funding
* (12.75/ Quarter & 19.14/Semester)
* The Problem
* Fees are not tied to inflation so the GSA is losing 13,000/ yr due to inflation
* This results in lack of funding for programming and understaffed offices
* Less funding for the 13 councils to use for programming and other events
* Introduce the creation of a subcommittee
* This subcommittee will be in charge of introducing the idea of indexing GSA fees to inflation onto the ballot this year

**USAC/GSA Recognition of Rafer Lewis Johnson - 06:15pm**

Musibau Francis Jimoh, GSA President

Proposed to Forum a collaborative effort with USAC in honoring Rafer Lewis Johnson.

* Motion to vote to approve these appointment pass: Chloe Bell-Wilson and Cassandra Klune - Motion passed
* Call for a Vote. 15 Y, 1 Abstain

**Vote: APPROVED**

**Approval of GSA Appointment - 06:22pm**
Musibau Francis Jimoh, GSA President
 Appointments Board appoints people to various positions and the appointees receive a stipend.

* Motion to vote to approve these appointment pass: Cassandra Klune and Kathleen Kane --Motion passed
* Call for a vote. 16 Y

 **Vote: APPROVED**

**VPAA Open Position Presentation - 06:22pm**

Akash Deep Singh, GSA Elections Commissioner

* Explained the process to run for VPAA
* VPAA candidates will be voted in by the Forum
* Extended application deadline is October 25th and encouraged Forum members to share information with their councils

**Discussing and Resource sharing about returning to in-person - 06:50pm**

Kathleen Kane, Forum Delegate PHSA

* Discussed the idea of losing institutional knowledge and asked the forum if they have any suggestions on how to help first and second year graduate students adjust to in-person instruction
* PHSA wants to help bridge the gap and improve transition for first year students

**Brief Introduction of Advisors - 07:06pm**

Lewis Luo, GSA VP Of Internal Affairs

* Introduction of Karen Hedges- Admin Advisor, Patricia Soloman- ASUCLA Advisor, Andrew Mcclure- Interim Director of GSRC, Susan Ettner- Dean of Graduate Education, Devin Dickav- Alumni Advisor

**Final Comments from Forum Members - 07:14pm**

Ariel Chan, Forum Delegate & Theresa Edwards, Forum Delegate

* Clarification of Funding distructione for academic council was discussed

**Motion to Adjourn - 07:22pm**Lewis Luo- VP Of Internal Affairs

* Motion to vote to approve these appointment pass: Cassandra Klune and Chloe Bell-Wilson --Motion passed
* Call for a vote. 9Y

**Vote : APPROVED**